

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 22, 2023

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome this day to the house of our God.
People: We are greeted in peace and in love.
Leader: Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.
People: We worship in hope and with grace.
Leader: Welcome this day to our community of faith.
People: Where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.
Leader: Friends, let us worship God.
All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and assuring God, we know that your will for us is to live in unity and peace with one another.

And yet, O God, we struggle to live and believe your good news, shown in Jesus. We profess to be disciples, yet it seems so hard to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the need to be generous, and yet we withhold our gifts from you. We set our sights on serving others, and yet our weariness often holds us back.

O God of grace and goodness, we are sorry. Forgive us, we pray, and free us to follow you with joy and love. Come close to us so that in confidence we can love others and this world with abandon and your gracious freedom. Through Christ we pray, amen.

Silent Prayer

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Micah 7: 18

Who is a God like you, who removes guilt and pardons sin for the remnant of his inheritance; who does not persist in anger forever, but instead delights in mercy, and will again have compassion on us, treading underfoot our iniquities? You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

*GLORIA PATRI 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (Sing 3 times)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 77: 11-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 78: 1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Making Memories* Rev. Margie Stansell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Summary of the Law
Matthew 22: 37-40

Our Lord Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

*HYMN 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

THE SENDING

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*May the love of God go with you from this place.
May your hours and days show forth His praise.*

**Rise in body or spirit.*

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Leading in worship today:
Interim Pastor: Rev. Margie Boyd Stansell
Interim Musicians: Marna Dodson and Katherine Whitehouse
Elder of the Month: Carol Sussman

Announcements

WELCOME VISITORS! If you are worshipping here for the first time today, Welcome! We are glad to have you join in our worship service.

SUNDAY SERVICE: Sunday service is at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. It is also on Facebook Live Stream.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH AND TEENS: Middle and High School youth are invited to a conversation about scripture beginning in the youth room at 10:00.

NURSERY: Young children are invited to go to the nursery after the children's sermon. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: A memorial service will be held today at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for Helen Jeannette "Jean" Douthit. The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

SESSION MEETING: There will be a Session Meeting after worship service today.

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH: October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

HALLOWEEN INFORMATION: The church will be setting up a booth on Everett Street to participate in the annual Trick or Treat. Volunteers are needed. Afterwards there will be a Lasagna Dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

ADDRESS FOR PASTOR BETH: The address for Pastor Beth is 3904 Ashford Trail NE, Brookhaven, GA 30319-1897 or % Ann Council, 3956 Granger Drive, Atlanta, GA 30341. She will give health updates on the Caring Bridge site.

BIRTHDAY POTLUCK: Wednesday, November 15th will be a Birthday Potluck at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a Soup and Sides Potluck.

BIBLICAL POTLUCK: Plans are ongoing for a Biblical Potluck. If you have ideas and/or recipes please contact Martha Rich. More information will be forthcoming.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.

Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Back Porch Bible Study - Sundays from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the home of Martha Rich. For more information call Martha at 770-851-6852.

Bible Study: Every Wednesday at 11:00 am in the Hut.

Game Night: Every first Friday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Session Meeting - The fourth Sunday of every month after worship service.

Women's Breakfast - Every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at Mountain Perks except for the second Thursday of each month when the location will be decided on.

Men's Breakfast - Every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Daily Change Offering - Every second Sunday of each month.

Presbyterian Women - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch and have fellowship.

Coffee & Fellowship - Every first Sunday after worship service.

Food Pantry - Every Monday 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and every Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Giving Spoon - Every Monday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and every Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

AA Meetings - Monday at noon, Tuesday 5:30 p.m., Thursday at noon, and Saturday at 7:00 p.m.



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Unrestricted Giving	\$137,578
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Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

We seek to follow Jesus Christ as we . . .

Engage and encourage one another in worship and fellowship

Learn together as we grow in discipleship and

Reach out in love.